Delay in Finalisation of Super Computer Deal

@1579. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in the purchase of super computer from the United States and what are the hindrances in the way and what measures are being taken to overcome them; and

(b) whether any preconditions have been laid down for the supply by the United States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The U.S. Government's decision is awaited. The reasons why this has not yet been taken is not known to Government;

(b) As no agreement has yet been finalised, the terms and conditions are not yet known.

Inclusion of Konkani and Nepali in the eighth schedule of the constitution

1580. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Konkani and Nepali languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Crude Drugs

1581. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target fixed for the export of crude drugs from India during the year 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of heavy shortfall in the export of crude drugs from India; if so, the extent of shortfall and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of the crude drugs facing shortfall in export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) No, separate target for crude drugs was fixed by the Council.

(b) Yes, Sir. There will be a significant shortfall on account of adverse market conditions.

(c) Psyllium husk/seeds and Opium.

Improvement of Working and Productivity of NTC

1582. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of units of the National Textile Corporation which are running in profit and the number of which are running in continuous losses;

(b) whether it is a fact that many units of the National Textile Corporation which are running in losses are proposed to be closed;

(c) if so, what is the exact number of them and the amount of their accumulated losses so far; and

(d) what measures are being taken to improve the working and productivity of the National Textile Corporation?

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